Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

Bill Number: 1738 HB	**Title:** Veteran benefits access

Estimated Cash Receipts

Agency Name	2025-27			2027-29			2029-31		
	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total
Department of Licensing	0	0	27,416	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total $	**0**	**0**	**27,416**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Agency Name	2025-27		2027-29		2029-31	
	GF- State	Total	GF- State	Total	GF- State	Total
Local Gov. Courts						
Loc School dist-SPI						
Local Gov. Other	Fiscal note not available					
Local Gov. Total						

Estimated Operating Expenditures

Agency Name	2025-27				2027-29				2029-31			
	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total
Office of Attorney General	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Office of Financial Management	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Department of Retirement Systems	Fiscal note not available											
Department of Licensing	.0	0	0	29,000	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Military Department	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Department of Veterans Affairs	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Actuarial Fiscal Note - State Actuary	Fiscal note not available											
Total $	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**29,000**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Agency Name	2025-27			2027-29			2029-31		
	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total
Local Gov. Courts									
Loc School dist-SPI									
Local Gov. Other	Fiscal note not available								
Local Gov. Total									

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Estimated Capital Budget Expenditures

Agency Name	2025-27			2027-29			2029-31		
	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total
Office of Attorney General	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Office of Financial Management	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Department of Retirement Systems	Fiscal note not available								
Department of Licensing	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Military Department	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Department of Veterans Affairs	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Actuarial Fiscal Note - State Actuary	Fiscal note not available								
Total $	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0

Agency Name	2025-27			2027-29			2029-31		
	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total
Local Gov. Courts									
Loc School dist-SPI									
Local Gov. Other	Fiscal note not available								
Local Gov. Total									

Estimated Capital Budget Breakout

NONE

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FNS029 Multi Agency rollup

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 1738 HB	Title: Veteran benefits access	Agency: 100-Office of Attorney General

Part I: Estimates

[X] **No Fiscal Impact**

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:
NONE

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

1. The Attorney General's Office (AGO) Transportation and Public Construction Division (TPC) has reviewed this bill and determined it will not increase or decrease the division's workload in representing Washington Military Department (MIL) because the definitional changes are minor, clear, and do not affect any determination made by MIL or its Assistant Attorney Generals (AAG). Therefore, no costs are included in this request.

2. The AGO Revenue Division (REV) has reviewed this bill and determined it will not increase or decrease the division's workload in representing Office of Financial Management (OFM). Therefore, no costs are included in this request.

3. The AGO Social & Health Services Division (SHO) has reviewed this bill and determined it will not increase or decrease the division's workload. Therefore, no costs are included in this request.

4. The AGO Licensing & Administrative Law Division (LAL) has reviewed this bill and determined it will not significantly increase or decrease the division's workload in representing the Department of Licensing (DOL). The bill impacts DOL in a limited way. It expands the list of people eligible for extended professional licensure to include National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) commissioned officer corps (Section 7). DOL does not anticipate this will be a large group of impacted customers. There may need to be some rulemaking needed to implement this change, if enacted. New legal services are nominal, and costs are not included in this request.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

NONE

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 1738 HB	Title: Veteran benefits access	Agency: 105-Office of Financial Management

Part I: Estimates

[X] **No Fiscal Impact**

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:
NONE

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

The bill amends access to state benefits and opportunities for veterans, uniformed service members, and military spouses by:

- Modifying eligibility criteria for pension and retirement benefits related to military service.
- Broadening eligibility for veterans' benefits, adding a definition for "uniformed services" to include federal commissioned corps.
- Expanding the types of military service that qualify military spouses and dependents for benefits.

OFM can incorporate these changes within routine business practices. There is no fiscal impact to OFM.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

NONE

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 1738 HB	Title: Veteran benefits access	Agency: 240-Department of Licensing

Part I: Estimates

☐ **No Fiscal Impact**

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

ACCOUNT	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
Architects' License Account-State 003-1	179		179		
Real Estate Commission Account-State 026-1	3,646		3,646		
Business and Professions Account-State 06L-1	23,322		23,322		
Funeral and Cemetery Account-State 15V-1	194		194		
Geologists' Account-State 298-1	75		75		
Total $	27,416		27,416		

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
Account					
Architects' License Account-State 003-1	179	0	179	0	0
Real Estate Commission Account-State 026-1	3,646	0	3,646	0	0
Business and Professions Account-State 06l-1	23,322	0	23,322	0	0
Motor Vehicle Account-State 108 -1	1,584	0	1,584	0	0
Funeral and Cemetery Account-State 15v-1	194	0	194	0	0
Geologists' Account-State 298-1	75	0	75	0	0
Total $	29,000	0	29,000	0	0

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

Section 3 – Amends RCW 38.42.010(8) Amends the definition "service member" to include members of the US public health service commissioned corps or national oceanic and atmospheric administration commissioned officer corps.

Section 4 – Amends RCW 41.18.150(2) Defines "uniformed services" to include the US public health service commissioned corps or national oceanic and atmospheric administration commissioned officer corps. Includes references to uniformed as well as armed forces.

Section 7 – Amends RCW 43.24.130 (1) – (2) Includes references to the national oceanic and atmospheric administration commissioned officer corps along with other military and spouse licensing provisions.

Per RCW 43.24.086, the cost of administering professional and business licensing programs must be funded by those industry's licensing fees impacted by the proposed legislation. The expenditures will be spread between professions associated with 06L, Business and Professions, 026 Real Estate Commission and 108, Motor Vehicle Transportation.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

Please see attached fiscal note

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

Please see attached fiscal note.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
003-1	Architects' License Account	State	179	0	179	0	0
026-1	Real Estate Commission Account	State	3,646	0	3,646	0	0
06l-1	Business and Professions Account	State	23,322	0	23,322	0	0
108-1	Motor Vehicle Account	State	1,584	0	1,584	0	0
15v-1	Funeral and Cemetery Account	State	194	0	194	0	0
298-1	Geologists' Account	State	75	0	75	0	0
		Total $	29,000	0	29,000	0	0

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
FTE Staff Years					
A-Salaries and Wages					
B-Employee Benefits					
C-Professional Service Contracts					
E-Goods and Other Services	29,000		29,000		
G-Travel					
J-Capital Outlays					
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services					
P-Debt Service					
S-Interagency Reimbursements					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements					
9-					
Total $	29,000	0	29,000	0	0

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Agency 240 – Department of Licensing

Bill Number: HB 1738 Bill Title: Access to state benefits and opportunities for veterans

Part 1: Estimates

☐ **No Fiscal Impact**

Estimated Cash Receipts:

Indeterminate - Potential revenue loss from irregular license renewals due to active service

Revenue	Fund	FY 26	FY 27	25-27 Total	27-29 Total	29-31 Total
Architects' License	003	179		179	-	-
Real Estate Commission	026	3,646		3,646	-	-
Business and Professions	06L	23,322		23,322	-	-
Funeral and Cemetery	15V	194		194	-	-
Geologists'	298	75		75	-	-
Account Totals		**27,416**	**-**	**27,416**	**-**	**-**

Per RCW 43.24.086, the cost of administering professional and business licensing programs must be funded by those industry's licensing fees. Cash receipt impacts are driven by fee increases to satisfy this requirement.

Estimated Expenditures:

Operating Expenditures	Fund	FY 26	FY 27	25-27 Total	27-29 Total	29-31 Total
Architects' License	003	179	-	179	-	-
Real Estate Commission	026	3,646	-	3,646	-	-
Business and Professions	06L	23,322	-	23,322	-	-
Motor Vehicle	108	1,584	-	1,584	-	-
Funeral and Cemetery	15V	194	-	194	-	-
Geologists'	298	75	-	75	-	-
Account Totals		**29,000**	**-**	**29,000**	**-**	**-**

The revenue and expenditure estimates on this page represent the most likely fiscal impact. Factors impacting the precision of these estimates and alternate ranges (if appropriate), are explained in Part II.

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Request #	1
Bill #	1738

Part 2 – Explanation

This bill allows individuals of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) commissioned officer corps to operate with their license similarly to those in the armed forces by:

- allowing licenses to remain in effect during service and
- allowing licenses to be placed in inactive status if requested by the licensee or their spouse/registered domestic partner.

2.A – Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Section 3 – Amends RCW 38.42.010(8) Amends the definition "service member" to include members of the US public health service commissioned corps or national oceanic and atmospheric administration commissioned officer corps.

Section 4 – Amends RCW 41.18.150(2) Defines "uniformed services" to include the US public health service commissioned corps or national oceanic and atmospheric administration commissioned officer corps. Includes references to uniformed as well as armed forces.

Section 7 – Amends RCW 43.24.130 (1) – (2) Includes references to the national oceanic and atmospheric administration commissioned officer corps along with other military and spouse licensing provisions.

Per RCW 43.24.086, the cost of administering professional and business licensing programs must be funded by those industry's licensing fees impacted by the proposed legislation. The expenditures will be spread between professions associated with 06L, Business and Professions, 026 Real Estate Commission and 108, Motor Vehicle Transportation.

2.B - Cash receipts Impact

Potential revenue loss from irregular license renewals due to active service and additional authority is needed for the IS required programing in FY26, onetime.
The Cash impacts differ from expenditures impacts from exclusion of transportation fund, 108.

Revenue	Fund	FY 26	FY 27	25-27 Total	27-29 Total	29-31 Total
Architects' License	003	179		179	-	-
Real Estate Commission	026	3,646		3,646	-	-
Business and Professions	06L	23,322		23,322	-	-
Funeral and Cemetery	15V	194		194	-	-
Geologists'	298	75		75	-	-
Account Totals		**27,416**	**-**	**27,416**	**-**	**-**

2.C – Expenditures

Assumption based on profession participation, expedited applications for military members and their spouses, 7/1/23 through 6/30/24

Licenses Processed FY24	Fund	FY24
Architects' License	003	12
Real Estate Commission	026	244
Business and Professions	06L	1,561
Motor Vehicle	108	106
Funeral and Cemetery	15V	13
Geologists'	298	5
License Totals		**1,941**

Per RCW 43.24.086, the cost of administering professional and business licensing programs must be funded by those industry's licensing fees. Cash receipt impacts are driven by fee increases to satisfy this requirement. The funds impacted by this legislation are listed in Operating Expenditure table below.

Operating Expenditures	Fund	FY 26	FY 27	25-27 Total	27-29 Total	29-31 Total
Architects' License	003	179	-	179	-	-
Real Estate Commission	026	3,646	-	3,646	-	-
Business and Professions	06L	23,322	-	23,322	-	-
Motor Vehicle	108	1,584	-	1,584	-	-
Funeral and Cemetery	15V	194	-	194	-	-
Geologists'	298	75	-	75	-	-
Account Totals		**29,000**	**-**	**29,000**	**-**	**-**

The fund distributions of expenditures are based on profession participation, expedited applications for military members and their spouses, 7/1/2023 through 6/30/24 as shown in the Licenses Processed FY24 table above.

Information Services:
The agency will use appropriated funds to hire contract programmers to accomplish this work or to support current staff implementing this legislation within the required timeline. Appropriated funds may also be used to hire agency temporary staff to support permanent staff assigned to this legislative effort.

Any change requires a process to ensure changes are correctly applied to the system. This involves Project Managers that manage the team that completes the update, business analyst that documents and reviews the system changes, architect services that analyzes how the update could have an effect on other systems or DOL processes, developers who create the change, and testers and quality assurance teams that ensure the update is working correctly.
Deloitte contracted Commercial Off the Shelf product $12,584, onetime FY26.

What IS Will Implement:
Update wording on questions on new, comity or reciprocity applications in the POLARIS application to allow for identification of qualifying applicants.

Cost Category	Description	Rate	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total Cost
TESTER	Test to verify individual components meet requirements; ensure that other business transactions have not been impacted.	$ 27,144	8,100	-	-	-	-	-	8,100
BUSINESS ANALYST	Determine business requirements; translate requirements into what changes are needed to various systems including account codes, inventory codes, testing considerations, etc.	$ 19,836	2,000	-	-	-	-	-	2,000
SECURITY AND ARCHITECT SERVICES	Create the conceptual model that defines the structure, behavior and framework of a computerized system including a breakdown of the system into components, the component interactions and interfaces (including with the environment, especially the user), and the technologies and resources to be used in the design.	$ 19,836	2,000	-	-	-	-	-	2,000
TRAINER	Trains business partners and employees in new system processes and capabilities.	$ 27,144	2,700	-	-	-	-	-	2,700
PROJECT CONTINGENCY	Office of the Chief Information Officer designated rate of 10%	$ 27,394	1,500	-	-	-	-	-	1,500
Totals			**16,300**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**16,300**

Per RCW 43.24.086, the cost of administering professional and business licensing programs must be funded by those industry's licensing fees impacted by the proposed legislation.

Part 3 – Expenditure Detail

Operating Expenditures	Fund	FY 26	FY 27	25-27 Total	27-29 Total	29-31 Total
Architects' License	003	179	-	179	-	-
Real Estate Commission	026	3,646	-	3,646	-	-
Business and Professions	06L	23,322	-	23,322	-	-
Motor Vehicle	108	1,584	-	1,584	-	-
Funeral and Cemetery	15V	194	-	194	-	-
Geologists'	298	75	-	75	-	-
Account Totals		**29,000**	**-**	**29,000**	**-**	**-**

The fund distributions of expenditures are based on profession participation, expedited applications for military members and their spouses, 7/1/2023 through 6/30/24 as shown in the Licenses Processed FY24 table above.

Part 4 – Capital Budget Impact

None.

Part 5 – New Rule Making Required

None.

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 1738 HB	Title: Veteran benefits access	Agency: 245-Military Department

Part I: Estimates

[X] **No Fiscal Impact**

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:
NONE

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

This bill expands access to state benefits and opportunities for veterans, uniformed service members, and military spouses. There is no substantial impact to the Military Department.

In several sections of the bill, the definition of armed services is expanded to include uniformed services which it defines as "member of the uniformed United States public health service commissioned corps and the national oceanic and atmospheric administration commissioned officer corps."

The bill also expands rights to spouses of active service members.

For the sections that do apply (Section 1, Section 2, Section 3, Section 6, Section 8, Section 12, Section 13), there is no substantial change as this work is already performed by Military Department employees.

Therefore, the expansions included in the bill do not have a fiscal impact on our agency.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

NONE

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 1738 HB	Title: Veteran benefits access	Agency: 305-Department of Veterans Affairs

Part I: Estimates

[X] **No Fiscal Impact**

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:
NONE

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

The cash receipts and expenditure estimates on this page represent the most likely fiscal impact. Factors impacting the precision of these estimates, and alternate ranges (if appropriate), are explained in Part II.

Check applicable boxes and follow corresponding instructions:

[ ] If fiscal impact is greater than $50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete entire fiscal note form Parts I-V.

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[ ] Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.

[ ] Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

House Bill 1738 will have no fiscal impact on the Washington Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA).

The main intent of the bill is to enhance and clarify existing statutes regarding benefits, employment preferences, and service credit for service members, veterans, and their families. These changes primarily involve expanding definitions of uniformed services, expanded eligibility for employment preferences and pension service credits, and equitable access to existing benefits. The bill does not impose a fiscal burden on WDVA.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

NONE

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.